

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-31 are allowed. Claim 32 has been amended.

Claims 32-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Simpson ("Simpson," U.S. Patent No. 5,268,998), in view of Kunimatsu et al. ("Kunimatsu," U.S. Patent No. 6,587,110). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 32 has been amended to include the steps of "rendering and manipulating at least one of a temporal and spatial manifestation of [a] one or more 4D objects independent of [a] 3D scene." The changes to this claim incorporate features set forth in independent claim 1, identified as allowable over the cited prior art of record. Applicant submits that claim 32, as amended, is allowable because Simpson and Kunimatsu, taken either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the features of amended claim 32, including "rendering and manipulating at least one of a temporal and spatial manifestation of [a] one or more 4D objects independent of [a] 3D scene."

Claims 33-38 depend directly or indirectly from claim 32 and are, therefore, patentable for the same reasons, as well as because of the combination of features set forth in those claims with the features set forth in the claim(s) from which they depend.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, for which action is earnestly requested.

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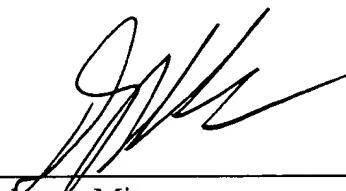
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